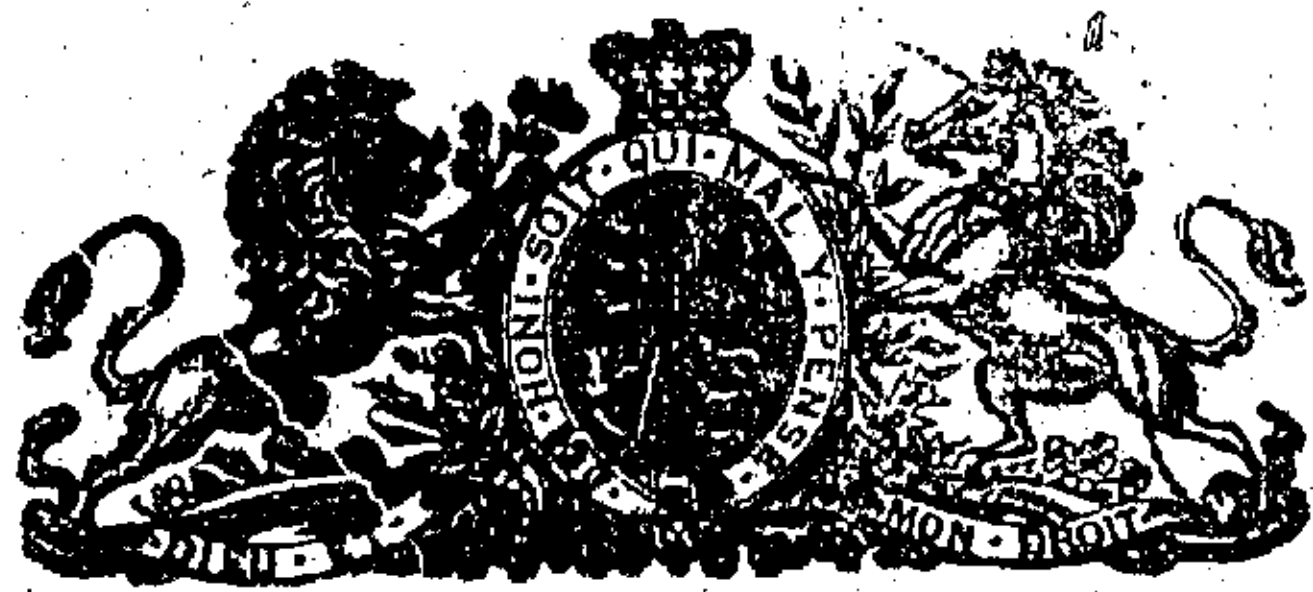


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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,400,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000. RESERVE FUND, £800,000.

HEAD OFFICE:—14, RUE BERGEE, PARIS.

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LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND. THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Banks.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000. RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 3 " 2 per cent. " "

H. H. NELSON, Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £933,000. PAID-UP CAPITAL, £465,250. RESERVE FUND, £20,000.

HEAD OFFICE:—39A, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:—

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND. NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balances; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, December 3rd, 1879.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of H. E. J. POPE HENNESSY, C.M.G., GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

CHARITABLE CONCERT.

For the Benefit of the Orphans of the Italian Convent.

By the Charity of Signor AUGUSTO CAGLI and all the ARTISTS of the ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY.

Prices of Admission: Dress Circle and Stalls, £2. Back Seats, £1.

Doors open at 8.30; performance to commence at 9 o'clock precisely.

Programme will appear on MONDAY, the 1st December, 1879.

Tickets can be obtained at Messrs KELLY and WALSH's.

Hongkong, November 29, 1879. de4

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, in Quarts and Pints.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, May 29, 1879.

FOR SALE.

THEOPHILE ROKDERER & Co's CHAMPAGNE.

GOLD MEDAL AT THE PARIS EXHIBITION. DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX.

Quarts, £17 per Case of 1 doz. Pints, £18 " of 2 doz.

MEYER & Co., Agents. Hongkong, August 21, 1879. 21630

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION. GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 2nd Dec, at Noon, at his Auction Sales Rooms, Peddar's Wharf,—

BLUE PILOT CLOTH, Brown Pilot Cloth, Grey Meltons, Tweeds, Buckskins, Fancy Flannels, Blue Serge, Union Flannel, Wool Mitts, Wool Scarves, etc.

150 boxes Candles.

10 cases Washing Soda.

50 doz Day and Martin's Shoe Blacking.

10 cases Split Peas.

10 cases Sardines.

100 boxes each 28-lb. Pale Hard Washing Soap.

An Invoice of Morton's STORES, comprising: Pickles, Table Salt, Table Vinegar, Mustard, Salad Oil, Confectionery, Olives, Capers, Lea and Perrins' Sauce, Green Peas, Salmon in 1-lb. tins, etc., etc.

Casks of Guinness' Stout by Burke, in quarts and pints; Cognac Brandy, Kinahan's Whisky, Old Tom, Ginger Wine, Beer, Bonekamp Bitters, etc., etc.

Turkish Towels, Huckaback Towels, Braces, Cotton Thread, Prints, Socks, etc.

5 cases Loaf Sugar, small sized Loaves.

15 cases each 25 doz. Tumblers.

Hubbuck's White Zinc, White Lead, Turpentine, etc.

2 cases Assorted Envelopes.

2 cases Magnets. Dyes in Tins.

And a Variety of Other GOODS.

TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

G. R. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Nov. 29, 1879. de2

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR HEINRICH EBELL retired from our firm on the 22nd August last, and his INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY therein CEASED from that date.

HERTON, EBELL & CO. Hoihow, November 15th, 1879.

NOTICE.

OUR Business will in future be carried on under the firm or style of HERTON & Co. Mr LEUIS JUDELL is authorized to sign the firm's name.

HERTON, EBELL & CO. Hoihow, Pakhol and Haiphong, November 15th, 1879. de15

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr C. BRAUN in our Firm, CEASED on the 23rd September A.C.

Mr C. STIEBEL is authorized to SIGN our Firm.

REISS & Co., Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama. Hongkong, October 3, 1879. ja3

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established himself at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co., Peddar's Wharf, as

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER AND COMMISSION AGENT.

All GOODS entrusted for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMMERT. Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR EASTLACK will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents, ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879. 3480

SAILORS' HOME.

ANY Out-of-CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the SAILOR'S HOME, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

Intimations.

GLASGOW BANK FAILURE.

CLEARING off the present STOCK at a GREAT REDUCTION for a Few Days Only.

BUCHANAN, PEARSON & Co., 42, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, November 29, 1879. de6

HONGKONG ARTILLERY VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERLY ROOM, 28th Nov., 1879.

MEMBERS are requested to RETURN their ARMS and ACCOUTREMENTS into Store by TUESDAY, the 2nd Proximo.

The Storeman will be at the Orderly Room every day up to 4 p.m. to receive them.

ARMS, &c., will be re-issued on SATURDAY, the 6th Proximo.

A. COXON, Captain-Commandant H. K. A. V.

ORIENTAL HOTEL.

MR J. F. SHUSTER begs to announce that he carries on from this Date the above Establishment, as a First-class HOTEL. The House is now being THOROUGHLY RENOVATED and RE-FURNISHED. Mr SHUSTER hopes by strict attention to Business, and by supplying the BEST of LIQUORS, to merit a share of Public Patronage. The house has ample ACCOMMODATION for BOARDERS, who will meet with every comfort. The Table will be of the Best and the Charges strictly Moderate. The Proprietor will be at all times ready to supply PICNIC PARTIES and to provide DINNERS for PARTIES of Six and upwards on very REASONABLE TERMS.

THE BOWLING ALLEYS ARE TO BE RE-LAID.

English and American BILLIARD TABLES.

Tiffin at ONE; DINNER at SEVEN.

WINE AND SPIRITS OF THE BEST QUALITY.

ORIENTAL HOTEL, J. F. SHUSTER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, November 5, 1879. tf

LOST.

A PARCEL of MANILA LOTTERY TICKETS ex Esmeralda from MANILA, November 11th, containing the following Numbers, for the December drawing:—

23 Tickets,.....No. 1,940 @ 1,962

23 " " 2,623 " 2,645

23 " " 3,768 " 3,790

23 " " 4,397 " 4,419

23 " " 5,843 " 5,870

24 " " 6,196 " 6,219

24 " " 7,790 " 7,813

24 " " 8,479 " 8,502

24 " " 9,081 " 9,104

24 " " 10,471 " 10,494

24 " " 11,496 " 11,519

The Manila Government have been notified of the Loss, and any Prizes which may be drawn on the above Tickets will not be paid.

The Finder will be suitably Rewarded, if necessary, by Returning the package to the Undersigned.

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, November 29, 1879.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. on the NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED, payable at our Office on and after the 15th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors, RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY.

ESTABLISHED 1797.

FOR FIRE INSURANCE EXCLUSIVELY.

Head Office, Survey Street, Norwich.

London Office, 50, Fleet Street.

CAPITAL, £1,100,000.

THE undersigned, having been appointed Agents of the above Company at this Port, are prepared to issue Policies of Insurance against Fire on the usual terms.

BIRLEY & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1879. de19

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st December.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

Intimations.

Volume Eighth of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 2. Vol. VIII.

OF THE "CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS—

Comparative Chinese Family Law. Fa-lisien and His English Translators. Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung-ming.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

Hongkong, November 28, 1879.

LOST.

A SMALL Black and Tan TERRIER, answers to the name of "PUNCH."

Small white spot on breast.

Reward given if required.

Address: No. 12, Praya East.

Hongkong, November 18, 1879.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.

W. B. SPRATT & Co. have lately

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,
 BEG to announce the ARRIVAL of the
 following FIRST-CLASS
 STORES, &c.
 Ex "OCEANIC,"
 "LORD OF THE ISLES,"
 And Other Late Arrivals.

Finest California BUTTER in Rolls.
 Good Cooking BUTTER in Kegs.
 Pine Apple CHEESE.
 Limburg CHEESE.
 Sap Sage CHEESE.
 Prime Gillyroy CHEESE.
 Fine Eastern HAMS.
 Fine Eastern BACON.
 Prime Smoked SALMON.
 Smoked HERRINGS.
 Boston MACKEREL.
 SALMON BELLIES.
 Family PIG PORK and BEEF in Kegs.
 Pickled OX-TONGUES.
 Boneless and Good Dry CODFISH.
 SAUERKRAUT in Kegs.
 Finest CAVIARE and SARDELLES.

Fresh APPLES.
 "No Plus Ultra" APPLE RINGS.
 HICKORY NUTS.
 PECAN NUTS.
 BRAZIL NUTS.
 PEA NUTS.
 COOMB HONEY in Frames.
 Pure Orange BLOSSOM HONEY.
 BROUGHAM'S TURKEY & TONGUE.
 Do. LUNCH TONGUE.
 Do. Compressed HAM.
 L. McNEIL & LIBBY'S Compressed HAM.
 L. McNEIL & LIBBY'S Corned BEEF.
 L. McNEIL & LIBBY'S Compressed TONGUE.
 Green TURTLE, 1lb. and 2lb. tins.
 Boneless Spiced PIG'S FEET.
 Assorted Devilled MEATS.
 Baked PORK and BEANS.

CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s GINGER
 CAKES.
 CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s SODA
 BISCUITS.
 CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s OYS-
 TER CRACKERS.
 WAFER BISCUITS per
 Pound.
 OATMEAL in Cakes.
 Fresh CORNMEAL.
 Cracked WHEAT.
 BUCK WHEAT.
 RYE FLOUR.
 HOMINY.

Cutting's Assorted JELLIES in Glass
 Pots.
 Cutting's Assorted DESSERT FRUITS.
 Do. QUEEN'S OLIVES.
 Do. PICKLED LIMES.
 Do. STUFFED PEPPERS.
 Do. ASPARAGUS.
 Do. Ass. Corned VEGETABLES.
 Do. Assorted PICKLES.
 Do. Assorted SAUCES.

White BEANS.
 Split PEAS.
 Mess' PORK and BEEF.
 BORDEN'S Condensed MILK
 (very fresh).
 &c., &c., &c.

CROSE & BLACKWELL'S
 HOUSEHOLD STORES.

MULROW'S
 Assorted German SAUSAGES.
 Do. Do. VEGETABLES.
 Long ASPARAGUS (very fine).

PHILIPPE & CANAUD'S
 SARDINES. Assorted PATES.

JOHN MOY & SONS'
 Celebrated Family STORES.
 Game PIES, Veal and Ham PIES.
 Truffled SAUSAGES.
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 Bologna SAUSAGES.
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 SALMON OUTLETS (in Indian Sauce).
 HADDOCK ROES. Fried SOLES.
 Kipperd HERRINGS. BLOATERS.
 HERRINGS A LA SARDINE.
 OATMEAL, &c., &c.

BOOKS!

BOOKS!! BOOKS!!!
 The Latest and most Popular
 NOVELS,
 BY FIRST-CLASS AUTHORS.
 DICTIONARIES,
 &c., &c., &c.

"Cable Coll," "Perfection" and "Empress
 of India"

TOBACCOES.

Specially Selected CIGARS.
 Cavite CHEROOTS.
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 Choice No. 3 Meisig CHEROOTS.
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REVOLVERS & RIFLES.

Breech loading Central Fire FOWLING
 PIECES.
 Electro-Plated "British Bull Dog"
 REVOLVERS.
 SMITH AND WESSON'S REVOLVERS.
 COLE'S DERINGER PISTOLS AND
 REVOLVERS.
 CARTRIDGES, &c., &c.
 Hongkong, October 15, 1879.

Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
 MARITIMES.
 S. S. OXUS.

NOTICE.
 CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S.
 Euphrate, from London, in connec-
 tion with the above Steamer, are hereby
 informed that their Goods are being
 landed and stored at their risk at the Com-
 pany's Godowns, whence delivery may be
 obtained immediately after landing.
 Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
 unless intimation is received from the Con-
 signees, before 2 p.m. To-day, the 28th
 inst., requesting it to be landed here.
 Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
 the Undersigned.
 Goods remaining unclaimed after Wed-
 nesday, the 3rd December at Noon, will be
 subject to rent and landing charges.
 No Fire Insurance has been effected.
 G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
 Agent.
 Hongkong, November 26, 1879. de3

BRITISH BARQUE PAMPERO, FROM
 ANTWERP.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
 Vessel are hereby requested to send
 in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned
 for countersignature, and to take immediate
 delivery of their Goods.
 Cargo impeding the discharge of the
 Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
 signees' risk and expense.
 ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
 Hongkong, November 18, 1879. tf

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.
 ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA
 COMPANY.

Signor CAGLI has the honour to announce
 that a SUBSCRIPTION LIST for FOUR
 BENEFIT NIGHTS is now Open at Messrs
 KELLY and WALSH'S.

SATURDAY, 6th December,
 BENEFIT of Signora ROSA GENOLINI,
 Bellini's Celebrated Opera
 "Norma."

TUESDAY, 9th December,
 BENEFIT of Signor SERUOLIA,
 Gounod's Grand Opera
 "Faust."

THURSDAY, 11th December,
 BENEFIT of Signor BERGAMASCHI,
 Rossini's Favourite Opera
 "Il Barbiere di Siviglia."

SATURDAY, 13th December,
 BENEFIT of Signor CAGLI,
 Verdi's Popular Opera
 "La Traviata."

Prices of Subscription for the Benefit Season.
 Dress Circle (Single) \$ 9.
 Family Ticket (Three) \$20.
 Stalls (Single) \$ 6.
 Family Ticket (Three) \$15.
 Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de14

THEATRE ROYAL,
 CITY HALL.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of
 H. E. J. POPE HENNESSY, C.M.G.,
 GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA
 COMPANY.

TO-MORROW EVENING,
 Dec. 2nd, 1879.

SEVENTH SUBSCRIPTION NIGHT,
 The Grand Opera, by MARCHETTI,
 "Ruy Blas."

THURSDAY EVENING,
 Dec. 4th, 1879.

LAST NIGHT OF THE FIRST SUB-
 SCRIPTIOIN SEASON,
 "Un Ballo in Maschera."

Between the FIRST and SECOND ACTS, Signor
 CORTESI and Signor BAGGIOLLO will sing
 SELECTIONS.

La Calunia, .. Signor BAGGIOLLO.
 Cavatina, .. Signor CORTESI.
 Tickets can be obtained at Messrs KELLY
 and WALSH'S.
 Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de5

TO LET.
 THE BASEMENT of HOUSE, No. 4,
 Praya East, MARINE LOT No. 65
 (formerly known as the "Blue Houses")
 with possession on 1st January, proximo.
 Apply to
 MEYER & Co.
 Hongkong, December 1, 1879. ja1

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
 Owners will be Responsible for any
 Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
 of the following Vessels, during their stay
 in Hongkong Harbour:-

HAZEL HOLME, British barque, Capt. J.
 Wm. Millican.—Vogel & Co.
 OBERON, German barque, Captain S. S.
 Schmidt.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
 PALMA, German barque, Capt. Binga.—
 Melchers & Co.
 HONGKONG, German 3-masted schooner,
 Captain Carl Oom.—Wielers & Co.
 YORKTOWN, American ship, Capt. J. F.
 Murphy.—Order.
 PRIMO, German barque, Capt. Seekamp.
 —Siemssen & Co.
 PRIMUS, Russian ship, Captain Th. W.
 Bergman.—Order.
 URDINE, German barque, Captain F.
 Kruse.—Melchers & Co.
 MOSES B. TOWER, American barkentine,
 Capt. C. Hall.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 ARZOL, British steamer, Capt. Thom-
 son.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.
 The Steamship
 "Kwangtung,"
 Captain Ansoff, will be de-
 patched for the above Ports
 on THURSDAY, the 4th instant, at Day-
 light, instead of as previously advertised.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
 Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de4

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
 The Company's Steamship
 "ACHILLES,"
 Capt. C. ANDERSON, will be
 despatched on or about the
 4th instant.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, December 1, 1879.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
 The Company's Steamship
 "PATROCLUS,"
 Capt. M. R. WHITE, will be
 despatched on or about the
 15th instant.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, December 1, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 British Bark
 "SARTMOR,"
 ELWOOD, Master, will load
 here and at Whampoa for the
 above Port, and will have quick despatch.
 For Freight, apply to
 RUSSELL & Co.
 Hongkong, December 1, 1879.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Bark
 "CHINAMAN,"
 MACKENZIE, Master, will load
 here and at Whampoa for the
 above Port, and will have quick despatch.
 For Freight, apply to
 VOGEL & Co.
 Hongkong, December 1, 1879.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Ship
 "PRINCE FREDERICK,"
 CLAQUE, Master, will load here
 for the above Port, and will
 have quick despatch.
 For Freight, apply to
 VOGEL & Co.
 Hongkong, December 1, 1879.

FOR HAMBURG.

The A 1 German Bark
 "PALMA,"
 BINGE, Master, will load here
 and at Whampoa for the above
 Port, and will have quick despatch.
 For Freight, apply to
 VOGEL & Co.
 Hongkong, December 1, 1879.

FOR HAMBURG.

The A 1 German Bark
 "AUGUST,"
 RUS, Master, will load here
 for the above Port, and will
 have quick despatch.
 For Freight, apply to
 VOGEL & Co.
 Hongkong, December 1, 1879.

TAKASIMA COLLIERY.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., AGENTS.
 FOR SALE, Large and Small COAL.
 Apply at the OFFICES, No. 7, QUEEN'S
 ROAD CENTRAL; or to
 THOS. G. GLOVER, East Point.
 Hongkong, December 1, 1879. ja1

NOTICE.

FROM THIS DATE THE WINE AND SPIRIT
 Business of the Undersigned will be
 CARRIED ON at the New PREMISES,
 MARINE HOUSE, 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
 under the Name or Firm of ED. CHASTEL
 & Co.

ED. CHASTEL.
 Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de8

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
 MARITIMES.
 PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
 SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
 POINT DE GALLE,

ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
 SAID, NAPLES, AND
 MARSEILLES;

ALSO,

PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
 AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON SATURDAY, the 13th December,
 1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S.
 AMAZON, Commandant LOMBRE,
 with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPORE,
 and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
 above places.

Cargo and Speeds will be registered for
 London as well as for Marseilles, and re-
 ceived in transit through Marseilles for the
 principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
 Noon.
 Cargo will be received on board until
 4 p.m., Speeds and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
 the 12th December, 1879. (Parcels are not
 to be sent on board; they must be left
 at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
 quired.
 For further particulars, apply at the
 Company's Office.
 G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
 Agent.
 Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de12

To-day's Advertisements.

BRITISH SHIP BELTED WILL,
 FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
 Vessel are hereby requested to send
 in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned
 for countersignature, and to take im-
 mediate delivery of their Goods.
 Cargo impeding the discharge of the
 Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
 signees' risk and expense.
 GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, December 1, 1879. tf

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Nov. 29, Brena, German barque, 396,
 K. Timpe, Nowchwang Nov. 17, Beans.—
 WILKES & Co.

Nov. 30, Undine, German barque, 968,
 F. Kruse, Cardiff July 6, Coal.—MEIERS
 & Co.

Nov. 30, Moses B. Tower, American
 barkentine, 637, C. Hall, Nagasaki Nov. 23,
 Coal.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Nov. 30, Pher Brahe, Russian barque,
 585, John Josephson, Nagasaki Nov. 23,
 Coal.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Nov. 30, Atholl, British steamer, 923,
 W. S. Thomson, Bangkok Nov. 22, Rice.
 —Geo. R. STEVENS & Co.

Nov. 30, China, German steamer, 648,
 Ackermann, Shanghai Nov. 26, General.—
 SIEMSEN & Co.

Nov. 30, Amoy, British steamer, from
 Canton.

Dec. 1, Kwangtung, British steamer, 674,
 J. C. Abbott, Foochow Nov. 28, Amoy 29,
 and Swatow 30, General.—DOUGLAS LA-
 PRAIK & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Nov. 30, Albany, for Amoy, &c.
 30, Brenner, for Hullo.
 30, Jules Dufaire, for Canton.
 30, H.M.S. Porpoise, for Singapore.
 30, China, for Canton.

Dec. 1, Ingburg, for Manila.
 1, Amoy, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Caribbrooke, for Swatow and Amoy.
 Yottung, for Swatow.
 Esmeralda, for Manila.
 Me-li, for Hullo.
 Pernambuco, for Saigon.
 Magellan, for Hamburg.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
 Per China, from Shanghai, Mrs Marques,
 5 children and servant, Mr Slaghek, and
 42 Chinese.
 Per Atholl, from Bangkok, 15 Chinese.
 Per Kwangtung, from Coast Ports, 195
 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
 Per Normanby, for Melbourne, &c., Mr
 and Mrs Taylor, Mr Holme, and 58 Chi-
 nese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German barque Brena reports:
 To Shanghai variable winds, then strong
 N.E. monsoon to port.

The German barque Undine reports:
 Strong winds throughout. Spoke the
 Agostora from Japan to Falmouth, 29 days
 out.

The Russian barque Pher Brahe reports:
 Fine weather throughout.

The British steamer Atholl reports: Last
 three days strong N.E. wind with mo-
 derate sea increasing. On the 23rd Nov.,
 spoke Rajanattianahar from Hongkong to
 Bangkok, 29 miles North of Palo Bay.

The British steamer Kwangtung reports:
 Left Foochow 28th Nov., arrived in Amoy
 29th, had strong N.E. winds and high sea.
 Left Amoy 29th, Swatow 30th, and thence
 to port moderate and fine. In Amoy: S.S.
 Achilles, and Foochow. In Swatow: S.S.
 Yungching, Swatow, Chefoo, Tientsin, and
 America.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:-
 For SWATOW AND AMOY.—
 Per Caribbrooke, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow,
 the 2nd inst., instead of as pre-
 viously notified.

For MANILA.—
 Per Esmeralda, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow,
 the 2nd inst., instead of as pre-
 viously notified.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCOW.—
 Per Kwangtung, at 5 p.m., on Wednes-
 day, the 3rd inst., instead of as pre-
 viously notified.

For SAIGON.—
 Per Dale, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the
 6th inst.

For HIOGO, YOKOHAMA, AND NAGA-
 SAKI.—
 Per Niigata Maru, at 5 p.m., on Friday,
 the 12th Dec.

MAIL BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.
 The United States Mail Packet Belgic, will
 be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the
 3rd Dec., with Mails for Japan, San
 Francisco, the United States, Canada,
 Honolulu, Peru, &c. which will be
 closed as follows:-

2.15 p.m. Registry closes.
 2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters
 (except for Non-Union Countries) may
 be posted on board the Packet with
 Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage
 until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies
 (except the Bahamas and Hayti),
 Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay
 cannot be sent by this route.

Hongkong, Nov. 24, 1879. de3

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet *Therion*
 will be despatched on SATURDAY,
 the 6th December, with Mails to and
 through the United Kingdom and
 Europe via Brindisi or Southampton,
 to the Straits Settlements, Batavia,
 Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt,
 Malta, and Gibraltar.

MEOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

ANCTION.
 Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Mr G.
 R. Lammert, at his Sales Rooms.
 Amusement.
 9 p.m.—Operatic Performance.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, December 3.—
 3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s
 Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San
 Francisco.

Goods per *Ocus* undelivered after Noon,
 subject to rent and landing charges.
 Goods per *Belgie* undelivered after this
 date subject to rent.

9 p.m.—Charitable Concert at the City
 Hall.

THURSDAY, December 4.—

Daylight.—*Kwangtung* leaves for Coast
 Ports.
 4 p.m.—Meeting in the Library of St.
 Paul's College as to the Hongkong
 Public School.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

SATURDAY, December 6.—
 Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports
 of Call and Europe.

SATURDAY, December 13.—
 Daylight.—Mitsui Bishi Mail leaves for
 Yokohama via Kobe.

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of
 Call and Europe.

Noon.—Seven leaves for Cooktown, &c.
 WEDNESDAY, December 24.—
 3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yoko-
 hama and San Francisco.

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 Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

MARRIAGE.

At St. Joseph's Church, Shanghai, on
 the 19th November, by Very Rev. Father
 Desjardes, S.J., EPIFANIO FRANCESCO,
 eldest son of Lino Francesco and of the
 late Antonia d'Almeida, to PETRONILLA
 VICENSO, eldest daughter of the late
 Vicente Goncalves and of Petronilla
 Goncalves Oliveira, both of Macao.

The publication of this issue commenced
 at 7.55 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DEC. 1, 1879.

A few days ago we referred to the agita-
 tion which had been caused by the ex-
 posure, made by Colonel Mosby, U.S. Con-
 sul of Hongkong, of the irregularities
 which had found their way into the con-
 duct of the Consulate during the last
 seven or eight years. It would seem
 that, in his capacity of Commissioner to
 investigate on behalf of the State De-
 partment, the present Consul's researches
 are still going on, and that unfortunately
 the end of the investigation has not yet
 been reached. Of course, as we have
 already stated, no defence has yet been
 raised by those charged with the irregu-
 larities alleged; and although it would
 be rash and unfair to brand any one
 before trial, it is passing strange that no
 contradiction or explanation has been
 vouchsafed in regard to recent official
 action. The allegations, however, now
 assume a different shape, and no longer
 refer solely to the Government of the
 United States. There may possibly be
 some defence—and to judge from the
 attitude of the State Department, there
 surely must be some excuse—on the
 part of a U. S. Consul for retaining and
 appropriating fees for emigration, ship-
 ping and discharging seamen, and other
 services. But when it is alleged, as it
 now appears to be, that the Hongkong
 Government has also been laid under
 contribution towards increasing the per-
 quites of the United States Consulate,
 the investigation may be said to have
 entered into a new phase altogether.

From documents and official records
 which we have examined, there can be
 no manner of doubt that in the matter of
 shipping seamen, the Harbour Master's
 Department (Mercantile

was composed of Chinese boatmen from the Police barge, with P. & O. Bond as coxswain. It is to be observed, incidentally, that the European crew had a native of the Celestial Empire for coxswain, while the Chinese had a European.

This week's Home Mail is the last P. & O. Saturday Mail hence. The next homeward departure of P. & O. steamer will be under the new mail contract, from Yokohama on the 8th, from Shanghai on the 12th, and from Hongkong on Wednesday, the 17th December. The local agents of the Messageries have, so far, received no instructions to alter their dates of departure, but in all likelihood telegraphic advices will be to hand before the 20th, and they also will make the change at the same time as the P. & O. their first steamer under the new arrangement leaving on the 24th. There will thus be the last of the French mails under the old arrangement and the first of the P. & O. under the new contract within a few days of each other, viz., 13th and 17th inst.

At the last meeting of the Lodge St. John No. 618, S. C., the brethren presented Bro. J. Keating with a handsome jewel in recognition of his services to the Lodge. The jewel bears the following inscription:— "Presented to Bro. J. Keating by the members of St. John." The jewel was provided by Messrs Falconer & Co. The ribbon is of the Royal Stuart tartan, matching the findings of the official aprons and sashes of the Lodge. This young but enterprising Lodge has emerged from the troubles of its earlier existence and now enjoys general recognition as a properly constituted body. The Acting Grand Master, E. C., will install Bro. Driscoll, who was lately elected master of St. John's. There are now 70 members on the roll.

THE *Amoy Gazette* reports a case disposed of by the Acting Consul, H. A. Giles, Esq., on the 22nd ult. F. Goddard, master of the steamer *Hai Loong*, was charged with a breach of Sec. 167 of the Merchant Shipping Act. Captain Goddard admitted the charge, but stated in part explanation that the Canton seamen not entered upon the articles were shipped before his time, and that he only found out on the previous night that there were any Swatow names on the articles. Fined \$50 and costs.

THE *Amoy* paper announces the death on the 23rd of Mr. C. Bismarck, the German Consul at that port. Deceased was born in Germany, in 1839. He came to China in 1861 as attaché to the German Embassy under H. E. Count Eulenburg, and on the return of the Embassy to Europe, joined the German Legation at Peking, where he mastered the Mandarin and other dialects. He was subsequently appointed Consul at Tientsin, and acted as interpreter to the German and other Ministers at their interview with the late Emperor Tung-tse. Afterwards he was appointed acting Consul to Amoy in the place of Dr. Kramel who had proceeded to Europe on furlough, and Mr. Bismarck was himself just on the point of leaving for Europe on leave when he was prostrated by apoplexy of the liver which has now resulted fatally. During Mr. Bismarck's residence of three years at Amoy, he has made many friends. He was twice decorated by his Emperor with the Order of Merit and the Red Eagle for distinguished services. He leaves a wife and two children. All that human sympathy can do for them they will receive; the entire community will deeply mourn with them in this terrible loss. The funeral took place this morning (24th) at 8 o'clock and was well attended.

"ERNANI" AT THE CITY HALL.

The Royal Italian Opera Company gave their sixth subscription performance on Saturday night, repeating Verdi's charming opera "Ernani," with the same cast of characters as on the first representation. The audience was as usual a large one, although hardly so demonstrative as on previous occasions, a great deal of dissatisfaction being felt and expressed at the policy pursued by Signor Cagli giving a repetition. It has been pointed out to us, and we quite see the justice of the complaint, that Signor Cagli in selecting subscriptions for his performances, distinctly undertook to produce a series of eight different operas, and on that understanding many people became subscribers. Considering that the Company boast of having something like forty operas in their repertoire, one is forced to the conclusion that operas are being repeated for an interested motive, namely, a saving of time, although this object can be only attained by deliberately breaking faith with the community at large. To say that Ernani was repeated "by general request" is simply a ridiculous form of expression which practically means nothing, and which has been repudiated by scores of subscribers. In a previous article we expressed an opinion that the articles forming the company were being too hard driven, to have a favourable chance of appearing at their best before the public, and our views have been verified to the letter. Instead of cramming three operas into one week let Signor Cagli deal fairly with the public and his own company by giving two only, so that, properly rehearsed, they may be presented on the stage in a manner worthy of an Italian Opera Company. Time is very valuable no doubt to our enterprising impresario, and the more operas he produces the better will it be for his exchequer, but the public are entitled to some consideration, and they appear to think, if Saturday night's expression of opinion may be accepted as a criterion, that they are not receiving much from Signor Cagli. The success of the proposed second series of subscription operas may have been more impeded than the Signor believes by the dissatisfaction he has caused in giving two repetitions; however, that will probably be seen hereafter. Personally, and speaking as an ardent admirer of high class

music, we could sit out any number of times respectable interpretations of such master pieces of the composer's art as "Ernani" or "Un Ballo in Maschera," but all players are not musical enthusiasts, and we therefore content that as a question of expediency, as well as a matter of right, if repetitions were intended to be given, a statement to that effect ought to have been publicly made when subscriptions were solicited.

Having fulfilled our duty to the public by this "growl," we must lie back to the second performance of Ernani. Although the various characters were evenly sustained throughout, and although the singing and acting of the prima donna, the tenor, and the bass in the last act were unusually effective, the opera was not a great success. Signora Genolini made but an indifferent Elvira, both musically and dramatically, and in the first act especially she sang flat, and proved quite unable to reach any of the high notes she essayed. We make every allowance for the lady, as she was evidently suffering from a severe cold, and no doubt was quite exhausted with her recent great exertions. Signor Sbriscia did not shine so brightly as usual in the title rôle, even in those parts where he is most at home, his voice in the majority of his scenes being hard and unsympathetic, the certain result of an incessant strain on the vocal organ. He acted with great energy in the final scene, and his impersonation generally was free from the exaggerations which have disgraced his other histrionic attempts. The old Spanish Grandee showed Signor Baggiolo at his best, and in conception and execution the representation was a highly creditable one. His singing was meritorious, and he acted with so much skill, care, and intelligence, that we are inclined to award him the highest honors of the evening. Signor Bergamaschi was an excellent Don Carlos, although at times his usually fine voice was rather at fault. His acting was a perfect study of the character, natural, and full of dignity and grace.

The minor characters were as bad as ever, and as the scenic effects and appointments required for Ernani are somewhat extensive, the opera was necessarily very indifferently put upon the stage, and the imagination had to do a deal of work in conjuring up pictures of conspirators, attendants, &c. &c. Surely the military aspirants to histrionic fame who assisted the English Opera Company, or their successors, are available for super-numeraries! The expense could only be small, and the effect of picturesque grouping would much improve the various operatic representations. The three popular choristers are certainly ubiquitous, but it is not dramatically correct for even these interesting histrions to appear in half a dozen characters in the same opera, although they do occasionally change their raiment, in order to vary the monotony. In Saturday night's opera, the King of Spain surprised (and is supposed to have surrounded) the conspirators, accompanied by only one man, and the effect was rather ludicrous. Half a dozen soldiers would much improve the tableaux of every opera, and we commend our suggestion to Signor Cagli's consideration.

At the fall of the curtain Signora Genolini, and Signori Sbriscia and Baggiolo were loudly applauded, and had to reappear in answer to an unanimous call. The accompaniments were carefully played by Signor Guarneri and Mr. Penati, and Signor Torriani wielded the conductor's baton with his usual discretion.

Marchetti's fine opera "Ruy Blas" will be produced on Tuesday night, and according to advertisement it is proposed to repeat "Un Ballo in Maschera" on Thursday.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Portuguese Consulate, Hongkong, Nov. 25, 1879.
SIR,—My attention having been called to the report reproduced from the *Japan Gazette* in your last night's issue, of the sad investigation held at Yokohama on board the steamer *Malacca*, into the circumstances attending the death of Mr. P. E. Pistorius, on board that vessel on the morning of the 4th inst., and finding my name was mentioned by Dr. Barclay, surgeon of the steamer, in replying to questions put to him by the Netherlands Consul, as having been an intimate friend of the late Mr. Pistorius, I must, in justice to myself and in order to remove from the mind of his relations and many friends in Japan, Singapore, and Holland, the painful impression which Dr. Barclay's statement must produce, request you to be good enough to allow me space in your much respected paper to contradict Dr. Barclay's statement, first of my having accompanied Mr. Pistorius on board, and secondly of not having suggested to him that he should be left behind, and to give a correct account of the share I had in his having been taken away from here in a dying condition and being allowed to die on board the *Malacca*, only one hour after he left this harbour with no friend near him in his last moments.

The late Mr. Pistorius arrived here from Singapore by the *Tekran*, and on the afternoon of the 2nd instant, called on me; he told me that by advice of his doctors at Singapore he was going up to Yokohama for the benefit of his health; he said he believed there was nothing much the matter with him, and that the trip to Japan would put him to rights in a few days; I was not much pleased with his appearance, and believed he was more seriously ill than he, poor fellow, imagined, so asked him if he felt better than he did when leaving Singapore, and how he had got on during the voyage; he assured me he was a great deal better from the sea voyage, and had got on very well on board, and was feeling a little tired that day which he attributed to having moved about more than perhaps he ought to have done, as he had been on board the *Malacca*, to the Hotel, &c.; he remained the whole of that afternoon with me and dined at my house. I observed in the course of the afternoon, and evening that he was very absent, and at times spoke as if he was not in his right mind, so that rather alarmed about his condition, advised him to send for a doctor, and several times tried to induce him to stay here for a few days to rest, and offered to put him up at my house so that he might be properly taken care of. The poor fellow insisted in saying there was nothing the matter and that he would be all right again as soon as he was out at sea once more. He left me at half-past 8 that evening and went to the Hongkong Hotel, and I told him I would go next morning to fetch him up to breakfast; when I called at the Hotel I found him in bed and he appeared to me to be worse than he was the day before; his feet I noticed were much swollen and he seemed to be in a drowsy state. I remained with him for some time

and tried to persuade him to consult a doctor and not to go on unless he was told by the doctor he could do so. He positively refused to allow me to send for a doctor and said he had some medicine on board the *Malacca* which had been prescribed for him—I forgot whether he said at Singapore or by the Dr. of the *Tekran*—that he felt all right and had no pain anywhere but was only a little weak and tired and therefore would remain in bed and go off to the *Malacca* at 5 o'clock. I found out from him he had only had a cup of tea that morning, and as he neither ate nor drank anything at my house the day before, I believed this sickness was perhaps caused by want of nourishment, so told him he must take some, and went out and saw the Hall-boy of the Hotel; and asked him to get some good soup for him. Notwithstanding his refusal to see a doctor I saw the manager of the Hotel and asked if there was any living at the Hotel; and on being told Deputy Surg. General Mackinnon occupied a room there, I asked to speak to him; but found he was out; I returned to Mr. P.'s room and after again trying in vain to persuade him to give up the idea of going by the *Malacca* I told him I would leave him then and return before 6 o'clock so as to accompany him on board and that he was not to go off till I came. I tried to meet two medical gentlemen of my acquaintance that afternoon, intending to ask one of them to call on him at the Hotel with me, but unfortunately, I did not return to the Hotel and found Mr. P. had already gone off at 4 o'clock. I went at once to the wharf and got on board the *Malacca*, where I found him lying down in the cabin; he spoke and appeared quite conscious but looked much exhausted; he thanked me for going off and for the attention I showed him here. I said to him I was only sorry to let him go away change his mind and remain, but he insisted that he would be all right as soon as the steamer was out at sea. I left him and sent for the chief steward, and, after recommending my friend to his particular care, asked the name of the captain, the purser and the doctor and if they were on board and told him I wished to speak to them. He said only the doctor was on deck and told me the doctor who was then walking on deck. I told the doctor friend who I was a passenger on board and that I was afraid he was seriously ill, and that much was told him by him nothing about his condition, and had in vain tried to persuade him to see a doctor and to remain, but he had gone off and was in his cabin on board the steamer. I confessed I did not positively ask the doctor to go and see him at once, but from what I told him he must have observed I was most anxious to know what really was the matter with him and if he was in danger. I told the doctor who Mr. P. was and gave him my address so that I might be sent for and communicated with in case of need. All Dr. Barclay did was to promise me he would go and see Mr. P. after dinner (which I believe was being served) and assured me he would take good care of him during the passage. I returned to Mr. P.'s cabin and told him that I had asked the people on board to take good care of him and that the doctor would come to see him soon and that he was to send for him or the steward if he felt worse or wanted anything; as it was getting late I took leave of him, believing I had left him in good kind hands but not without a little foreboding that I might never see him again.

In conclusion I have to state that I did all that was in my power to prevent my unfortunate friend from going, that though I was alarmed about his condition, not being a medical man, I could not know he had only so short a time to live, or I would never have left his bedside. I do not in any way wish to raise a controversy, or to say anything that may give offence, or injure Dr. Barclay, or any one who is responsible for having taken away Mr. P. knowing he was dying; but from Dr. Barclay's own statement before the Consul he did not go and see Mr. P. till he was sent for at 1 past 1 in the morning; even at that hour if he was deterred from sending him to the hospital for fear of being held responsible for his expenses there (which I cannot believe he seriously meant though he said so), there was nothing to prevent him from sending me a message at any time before the steamer started at 6 o'clock in the morning, as he knew Mr. P. had in me a friend in Hongkong. I assure he cannot conscientiously excuse himself for this apparent neglect; knowing as he did Mr. P. had only a few hours to live, it was cruel and uncharitable to say the least, to have taken him away to die with no friend near him, and to be buried in the Deep.

The Captain of the *Malacca* is dead and he cannot answer for his share of the responsibility, but though I never knew him, I wish to shew respect for his memory, as I firmly believe he could not have been aware when he started of the real condition of Mr. P. or have been informed by the Dr. who he was, and of what passed between us the evening before, and I feel convinced he would have delayed the steamer and not have left till I was communicated with; the noble hearted sailor would have been deterred from taking it, as knowing Mr. P. was he must have felt sure he would not have been left to pay any claim, had the P. & O. Co. made one.

I don't personally know any of the Directors of the Netherlands India Trading Society, but from the knowledge I have of their high esteem for and appreciation of their late Agent Mr. Pistorius, I have no doubt that they would most willingly have paid any claim that might have been made either for detention here in order to put him on shore or, if the *Malacca* had put back from the Ly-ee-moon Pass to land his body. I have not had the means of ascertaining whether the opinion expressed by the second officer of the *Malacca* at the Court of Inquiry with regard to mail steamers not being justified in stopping or returning to port under any circumstances is correct or not, but if such even is the case nothing could have prevented Mr. P.'s body being sent back from the Ly-ee-moon Pass in one of the many Chinese boats that are met with there at all hours of the day.

That there is blame attached to some one cannot be denied, and all that may be done and said now will not bring any remedy; all I endeavour by this letter is only to assure the relations and large number of mourning friends of my unfortunate friend Pistorius that I had no share in the unforgotten way he was allowed to die and be buried; no one can mourn his loss more than I do, as I was a devoted friend of his for many years, and received from him not many months ago when pass-

ing through Singapore with my family a most hearty welcome and the warmest hospitality; and it would have been base ingratitude on my part had I acted towards him here with the cold indifference Dr. Barclay in his statement at the investigation has led those who heard him, and those who may read the published report to suppose.

Apologising for thus much encroaching upon your valuable space,
I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. LOUREIRO.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. F. Craig, Esq.)

Monday, Dec. 1.

MONDAY MORNING'S BUDGET.
Peter Docherty, 32, and Hans Petersen, 32, both seamen, were charged with being drunk and incapable in the public streets on the 30th ultimo. They admitted the charge and were fined, the first defendant in half a dollar or one day's imprisonment, the second \$1 or three days' imprisonment.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.
Henry Goss, 27, a seaman, was charged with being drunk and disorderly in the public streets on the evening of the 30th ultimo.

The defendant and another man had been creating a disturbance in a brothel in the Queen's Road, but on the appearance of the police they promised to discontinue and were permitted to go. Their promises however proved to be unreliable as the defendant resumed his disorderly conduct as soon as the police had left.

Fined \$2, or five days' imprisonment.

China.

(Herald, Nov. 20th.)

A Special General Meeting of members of the Foochow Chamber of Commerce will be held on or about the 12th proximo, to consider the following proposal, submitted to the Committee of the Chamber by a deputation of Teamen:—

"That all teas shall be weighed within one week after date of purchase; and that payment for the same shall be made within one week after date of shipment."

Her Majesty's Consul has, we observe, issued a Notification to British subjects, warning them against buying land on the hill known as the Te Yih Shan, an offshoot of the celebrated Wu-shih-shan. The Consul states that the land in question is public property, and that any agreement entered into with persons not duly authorized to dispose of ground on the hill in question will be "void and of no avail." A despatch from the Taotai, enlarging upon the beautiful theory of *fung shui*, is appended—presumably for the edification of Her Majesty's erring subjects.

The case of intended self-immolation at the village of Ha Chi Chong, near Pagoda Anchorage—to which we alluded in our last issue—has, we regret to learn, become an accomplished fact. On Sunday morning last the young widow duly hanged herself in the presence of an assembled crowd of friends and admirers. The tragic ceremony was preceded by a reception of visitors on a platform erected for the occasion, after which the poor young creature mounted a chair, placed the rope round her slim neck, and, bidding a final adieu to this unsympathetic world, launched herself into eternity.

H. B. M.'s gunboat *Mosquito* left Pagoda Anchorage for Shanghai on the 16th inst. Training for the forthcoming Race Meeting has commenced at the Tartar Camp. The rails were put up at the close of last week, and a general air of horriosity now pervades the scene of so many turf triumphs.

We are glad to learn that the Native Hospital Committee has decided to re-open that admirable institution to-morrow, Friday. The building on the island of Chang-chow, between the two bridges leading to the City, has, we understand, been completely restored and adapted to hospital work, and there can be no doubt that, under the able medical direction of Doctor Rennie, the work which was commenced many years ago by Doctors Beaumont and Galton and at a later period so vigorously carried on by the late Doctor David Manson, will be resumed with all the professional skill and interest manifested by his predecessors.

SHANGHAI.

(N. C. D. News.)

A correspondent at Peking, writing on the 18th inst., says, "Nothing concluded at Peking about *lekin* by last accounts."

The Hon. J. H. Ferguson, Netherlands Minister; H. Serruys, Esq., Chargé d'Affaires for Belgium; and R. J. Ossa, Esq., Chargé d'Affaires for Spain, arrived on Saturday (22nd) from Tientsin, by the C. M. S. N. Co.'s str. *Paukai*.

The offer of a prize by the Rev. Mr. Yen for the best tract in favor of the Christian religion, brought out thirteen competitors. The Committee appointed to make the award pronounced in favour of 齋訓子 as the first, and 齋訓子 as the second. These two are to be offered to the Chinese Tract Society for publication.

Of the wrecks that were chronicled during this year, only the *Forget-me-not* and *Carl Ludwig* remain, and it is said the *Forget-me-not* is soon to follow the *Condor* to Japan. What is to happen to the *Carl Ludwig* is a subject of speculation. She is figuratively between "two stools"—the original owners and underwriters; but judging from her appearance in the harbour in all weathers, she is not likely to come to the ground at present.

The trial trip of the *Fuh wo*, the second of the new line of Yangtze steamers being built by Messrs. Boyd and Co. for Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., was as eminently successful as that of the *Kung-wo* some weeks ago. The hulls and engines of both vessels were constructed from the designs of Mr. Prentice, of the above-named well-known firm of ship-builders, the *Fuh wo* being the sixteenth vessel built by them. Numerous invitations had been kindly given by Mr. P. V. Grant to join in the trip, and although some were deterred from taking part in it by the threatening aspect of the weather as the appointed hour drew near for the start, a goodly party nevertheless assembled on board, including representatives of the principal shipping firms of the port, and others, with several Chinese shippers of cargo on the river. The day, though overcast and dull, became brighter as time wore on, and the trip was much enjoyed, the pleasure being considerably enhanced by the unequalled success of the vessel's performance. The start was effected at 11 a.m., and the trip extended

to within about four or five miles of Lao Point, and at half-past one o'clock the steamer's head was turned homeward, Hunt's Wharf being reached at four o'clock. It is almost needless to say that Messrs. Boyd's hospitality was again shown in the provision of an ample tiffin, and that prosperity to the vessel and also to the firms concerned was drunk in foaming bumpers.—The tonnage of the *Fuh-wo* is given as 763 tons, and she is fitted with a single compound direct action inverted cylinder engine, of 52 horse-power nominal, but capable of working up to nearly 400.

A serious collision occurred on the Whangpoo on the 25th ult. Early in the morning the C. M. S. N. Co.'s str. *Huei-yuen*, Captain O. Wilson, from Swatow and Amoy, with a cargo principally consisting of sugar, moored at the lower wharf belonging to the Company to discharge, and about 11 o'clock in the forenoon the steamer *Hankwang*, Captain Boswell, came into port from the north and manoeuvred to go along side the wharf also. But by some means or other, best known to those concerned, who, as is invariably the case in these matters, were very chary in giving particulars, she collided with the *Huei-yuen*, knocking a hole in her main hold, which was stowed with sugar. The *Hankwang*, our readers will remember, was built to be used as a man-of-war in case of emergency, and the disastrous effects of the blow by her stem in this instance demonstrates the destruction she could do. Four or five of the plates in the *Huei-yuen*'s side were stove in and her main hold commenced to fill rapidly with water, while the *Hankwang* reversed her engines and came to an anchor about a hundred yards away, apparently none the worse. Though the fore and aft compartments of the *Huei-yuen* were kept dry, being water-tight, she settled down considerably, and an extra number of coolies were employed in cutting her cargo out of the main hold, but, we understand, a large part of it was damaged. Efforts were made to fill up the rent in her side, but last evening she was still deep in the water, if not touching the bottom, and when the task of pumping her out is accomplished she will probably need extensive repairs, to effect which she will have to be docked.

(Courier.)

We learn that it is the intention of certain gentlemen in Shanghai to start a lodge of Odd-fellows so soon as all the necessary arrangements can be made. Letters have been received from the Corresponding Secretary in England by a resident on the subject, and when certain formalities have been gone through, the necessary authority and paraphernalia will be sent out.

The body of Mr. Frank Kennedy, who was drowned on the 16th instant, was found at six o'clock this morning in the river off the native city by the life-boat men. It was in an advanced state of decomposition, and would have been unrecognizable but for the clothes, watch and chain, and various articles found in the pockets. There were no marks of violence on the body. The watch was stopped at seven minutes past two. An inquest was held on the body at Pootung this afternoon, before Mr. Justice Wilkinson, and a verdict of accidental death was returned.

PEKING.

November 16.

The curtain has fallen on the first scene of the new diplomatic programme of combined coercive action. By the exertions of the students of the British Legation, the proceedings of the conference were ready for the signatures of the members on Monday morning, and the conference was dissolved, although there is some talk of it meeting again in May next to report progress; a moderate hope being entertained that the immobility in the interim will show some disposition to listen to reason as expounded by the diplomatic body collectively.

Although the French *Chargé d'Affaires* came in quite "at the finish," France was represented throughout at the conference by the Chinese Secretary of Legation; in fact all the Treaty powers were represented, with the exception of Japan, whose annual trade, by the bye, with China amounts in value to 30 per cent over and above the aggregate trade of Russia, Austria, Italy, Spain, Holland, Belgium, and Peru put together.

Quite a spurt in coolie emigration to Cuba is expected on the arrival of the Spanish Minister, that is, if the fresh rebellion there has not upset all calculations.

The four gunboats have arrived off Taku, apparently having made the voyage from England without further mishap than the loss of a thumb to one of the petty officers of the *Hydra*, occasioned by some complication of the hydraulic gun-gear. The sufferer is a Royal naval reserve man, consequently this accident invalids him from further service in that force, so that England has one experienced defender the less, and in the light of recent events, a curious mathematical problem presents itself, viz. if the Chinese government are mulct £5,000 by the German Minister for the destruction of the cabin furniture of the *Fidèle*, what amount ought they to be mulct by the British Minister for the loss of the quarter-master's thumb of the *Ela* and the consequences resulting therefrom?

Great preparations are being made for the review of the Model fleet by Li Hung-chang. Mr. James Hart is Lord High Admiral for the occasion, and all the principal Chinese naval and military authorities, together with the entire staff of the so-called Torpedo College, have been busily engaged at Taku for a week past, preparing display, which is to surpass everything previously attempted in these parts. If the Chinese are to be believed, a wonderful surprise is in store for Li, but I think the Viceroy will be fortunate if he gets back to Tientsin in safety with nothing more than "good gracious eyebrows." After the review, Li proceeds to Peh-tang to inspect the new ports and naval station there, and the new gunboats are to winter at Nanjing, so as to throw their protecting influence over the Liang Kiang.—*Courier*.

SINKING OF THE BRIG "CONDOR."

A collision occurred outside Woosung on Friday evening, resulting in the sinking of the American brig *Condor*, Captain Laurence, by the American steamer *Ping-on*, Captain A. A. McCaslin. The *Condor* was entering the river on a voyage from Nagasaki with a cargo of coal and timber, and was in tow of the tugboat *Fokelin*, and when off Liangmo Point, about 7.15 p.m., she was run into, on the starboard side, nearly amidships, by the *Ping-on*, which had left Shanghai for Tientsin that afternoon. So violent was the collision that a wide rent was cut into the *Condor* both below and above the water

line and she sank in a very few minutes. Happily her Captain and crew managed to get safely on board the tugboat, but Pilot Knott, who was coming up to Shanghai with the tugboat as a passenger, and Captain Roberts, master of the tugboat, both of whom were on the *Condor* at the time of the collision, only saved themselves by clinging to the head-gear of the *Ping-on* and climbing over her bows. The *Condor* is described as going down like a stone two minutes after she was struck, and we understand not even the ship's papers were saved. Her crew have lost everything, except the clothing they escaped in, the Captain making his appearance in Shanghai in a pair of slippers. The narrowness of their escape can therefore be easily imagined. The *Ping-on* was comparatively but little damaged, and shortly afterwards resumed her voyage to Chefoo and Tientsin.

The *Condor* is a well-known brig on the coast, and it will be remembered that in the early part of this year, when under the German flag, she was stranded in the neighbourhood of Chefoo, and her crew suffered most severely from frostbites. She and her cargo were then sold for \$5,000, but subsequently she was submitted to sale again, and passed into the hands of Shanghai buyers and was transferred to the American flag, Messrs. Farnham & Co. having a large interest in her. Captain Laurence took command at Chefoo, ran her to Nagasaki, and thence to Shanghai, and was entering the port when the catastrophe occurred. The *Ping-on* is also a well known vessel in Shanghai.

Divers examined the wreck of the *Condor* on Saturday, 22nd. It lies in the Channel, and will, it is said, have to be either raised or blown up.—N. C. D. News.

Mariners are notified, by the Engineer-in-Chief, that when the weather allows, a white light will be shown over the wreck of the brig *Condor*, where the *Liamore* wreck light-boat was formerly moored; the light-boat has been re-moored about 300 feet to the east of the wreck of the *Condor*, and will continue to show a red light with a white one underneath as previously.

Quotations.

Rosengauz, December 1.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash...\$562½
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" Old " " " 510
" New Malwa, credit, 705
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" Old Malwa, credit, 740
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Exchange.

Bank, Wire, ... 3/9½
" Demand, ... 3/10
" 30 days' sight, ... 3/10½
" 4 months' sight, ... 3/10½
" Credit, 4 " " 3/10½
" Documentary, 4 months' sight, 3/10½
India, Wire, ... 22½
" Demand, ... 22½
Shanghai, demand, ... 73½
" 80 days' sight, ... 74
Gold Leaf, 99½ fine ... 27.10
Sovereigns, ... 5.27

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 67 ½ prem. sellers.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,360, sales.
China Traders Ins. Co., \$1,360, buyers.
North China Ins. Co., \$1,125.
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 750, sales.
Chinese Insurance Co., \$300, sales.
H. K. Fire Ins. Co., \$815, sales.
China Fire Ins. Co., \$220, sales.
H. K. & W. Dock Co., 10 ½ prem.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 11
China Coast St. Nav. Co., Tls. 101
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$70
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$66
China Sugar Refining Co., \$159
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874, nominal of 1877, do.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

Hongkong, December 1.

BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 30.212
Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.160
Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.164
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 71
Do. 1 P.M. ... 71
Do. 4 P.M. ... 74
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 68
Do. Do. 1 P.M. 70
Do. Do. 4 P.M. 68
Do. Maximum ... 74
Do. Minimum over night 68

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.:—

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG.

| Left. | Name. | From. |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------|
| May. | 6, Alexander, | Penarth |
| June. | 21, Newcastle, | Antwerp |
| July. | 27, Pym, | Antwerp |
| Aug. | 8, Glenrosa, | Antwerp |
| 10, Auroria, | Hamburg | |
| 19, Comus, | Glasgow | |
| 24, Primros, | Penarth | |
| 28, John Nicholson, | Cardiff | |
| Aug. | 9, Eliz. Rickmers, | Penarth |
| 12, Papa, | Hamb. | |
| 14, Hesperus, | Cardiff | |
| 16, Minnie Carvill, | Cardiff | |
| 17, Coldstream, | Antwerp | |
| 18, Glandinorwig, | Antwerp | |
| 19, Bannan, | Hamburg | |
| Sept. | 13, Hecla, | Penarth |
| 18, Carmelita & Ida, | Cuxhaven | |
| 17, Livingston, | Cuxhaven | |
| 20, Lucia, | London | |
| Oct. | 8, Parnas, | Cardiff |
| 8, Ganymede (s.), | Liverpool | |
| 11, Antenor (s.), | Liverpool | |
| 11, Peru, | Antwerp | |
| 13, Glenorohy (s.), | London | |

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Hongkong, October 24, 1879. de3



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Hongkong, November 24, 1879. de6

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2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
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8. From Pier to East Point.

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| Steamers | | | | | | | | |
| Amoy | 4 c | Drewes | Brit. str. | 814 | Nov. 30 | Siemssen & Co. | Shanghai | To-day |
| Atalanta | 5 c | Petersen | Ger. str. | 782 | Nov. 19 | Siemssen & Co. | London & Hamburg | |
| Atholl | 2 h | Thomson | Brit. str. | 923 | Nov. 30 | Geo. R. Stevens & Co. | | |
| Belgic | 4 c | Meyer | Brit. str. | 1716 | Nov. 24 | O. & S. S. Co. | Y'ama & S. Folsco | 3rd Inst. |
| Bombay | 4 k | Wharton | Brit. str. | 749 | Feb. 12 | Kwok Acheong | | |
| Carlsbrooke | 5 c | Wharton | Brit. str. | 699 | Nov. 26 | Bun Bin Chan | Swatow and Amoy | To-morrow |
| China | 5 c | Alderton | Brit. str. | 1036 | Nov. 19 | P. & O. S. N. Co. | Yokohama | 6th Inst. |
| Dale | 2 h | Thompson | Brit. str. | 644 | Nov. 26 | Yuen Fat Hong | Bangkok | To-morrow |
| Emeralda | 5 h | Talbot | Brit. str. | 395 | Nov. 29 | Russell & Co. | Manila | To-morrow |
| Fame | 6 h | Stopani | Brit. str. | 117 | | H. K. & W'poa Dook Co. | | Tog. Plying |
| Kwangtung | 5 h | Abbott | Brit. str. | 674 | Dec. 1 | Douglas Lapraik & Co. | Coast Ports | 4th, daylight |
| Me-l | 4 c | Marsden | Chi. str. | 181 | Nov. 28 | C. M. S. N. Co. | Hoihow & Haiphong | Coast Dock |
| Norna | 5 c | Love | Brit. str. | 606 | May 31 | Kwok Acheong | | |
| Paternalde | 6 c | Bentley | Brit. str. | 885 | Nov. 26 | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | | |
| Pennamboo | 5 c | Hyde | Brit. str. | 643 | Nov. 24 | Melchers & Co. | Saigon | To-day |
| Sea Gull | 8 k | Haydon | Amer. str. | 48 | Mar. 24 | China Traders' Insurance Co. | | |
| Yettung | 2 h | McDougall | Brit. str. | 286 | Nov. 29 | Kwok Acheong | Swatow | at daylight |
| Sailing Vessels | | | | | | | | |
| Alida | 4 c | Biet | Ger. bg. | 850 | Oct. 22 | Vogel & Co. | Hamburg | |
| Anna Sieben | 4 c | Paulsen | Ger. bge. | 603 | Nov. 21 | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | | |
| August | 4 c | Riss | Ger. bg. | 296 | Nov. 11 | Vogel & Co. | London | |
| Belle of Oregon | 4 c | Merriman | Amer. bge. | 1168 | Oct. 6 | Captain | Portland | |
| Belted Will | 1 k | Farrell | Brit. bge. | 786 | Nov. 28 | Gibb, Livingston & Co. | | |
| Bonita | 4 k | Stehr | Ger. Sm. sc. | 341 | Oct. 28 | Eduard Schellhass & Co. | Hamburg | |
| Brema | 3 k | Timpe | Ger. bge. | 396 | Nov. 29 | Wieler & Co. | | For Sale |
| Chocola | 4 k | Kennett | Brit. bge. | 284 | July 21 | Adamson, Bell & Co. | | |
| Claro Babuyan | 4 c | Polson | Brit. bge. | 358 | Nov. 29 | Chang Woo | | |
| Claverhouse | 8 c | Parsons | Brit. bge. | 387 | Nov. 27 | Captain | | |
| Courier | 4 c | Laporte | Foh. bge. | 346 | Nov. 29 | Carlowitz & Co. | | |
| Cuba | 7 c | Stabell | Brit. bge. | 320 | Nov. 16 | Eduard Schellhass & Co. | | |
| Echo | 4 c | Tozer | Brit. bge. | 369 | Nov. 26 | Arnhold, Karberg & Co. | | |
| Elizabeth Childs | 3 c | Landbergh | Brit. bge. | 391 | Nov. 9 | Wieler & Co. | | |
| Emerald Isle | 4 c | Staples | Amer. sh. | 1696 | Oct. 20 | Vogel & Co. | New York | |
| Ernest | 4 k | Hervy | Foh. bge. | 390 | Oct. 13 | Landstein & Co. | | For Sale |
| Faugh Balaugh | 3 c | Ritte | Ger. bge. | 240 | Nov. 15 | Carlowitz & Co. | | |
| Flensborg | 4 k | Jacobson | Dan. bge. | 355 | Nov. 9 | Vogel & Co. | London | |
| Floral Star | 4 k | Davison | Brit. Sm. sc. | 244 | Oct. 12 | Adamson, Bell & Co. | | |
| Florence Nightingale | 4 c | McIntyre | Brit. bge. | 464 | Nov. 10 | Arnhold, Karberg & Co. | | |
| Friedrich | 3 c | Dau | Ger. bge. | 595 | Nov. 28 | Siemssen & Co. | | |
| Friedrich | 3 c | Petersen | Ger. Sm. sc. | 294 | Nov. 28 | Wieler & Co. | | |
| F. Perthes | 5 c | Walter | Ger. bge. | 446 | Nov. 29 | Siemssen & Co. | | |
| Golliah | 2 c | Dentzau | Slam. bge. | 642 | Nov. 26 | Wo Tye Hong | | |
| H. Printzenberg | 3 k | Schönemann | Ger. bge. | 553 | Nov. 29 | Melchers & Co. | | |
| Harmonie | 5 k | Schiphorst | Ger. sch. | 241 | Nov. 26 | Eduard Schellhass & Co. | | |
| Hazel Holme | 3 k | Milligan | Brit. bge. | 405 | Oct. 20 | Vogel & Co. | | |
| Hieronymus | 2 k | Ippland | Ger. bge. | 425 | Nov. 24 | Wieler & Co. | | |
| Highlander | 4 k | Hutchinson | Amer. sh. | 1352 | June 19 | Vogel & Co. | | |
| Hiram Emery | 7 c | Wyman | Amer. bge. | 799 | Nov. 17 | Arnhold, Karberg & Co. | | |
| Ingeburg | 4 k | Hansen | Ger. bge. | 386 | Nov. 7 | Eduard Schellhass & Co. | Manila | |
| Iphigenia | 2 c | Green | Ger. bge. | 464 | Nov. 11 | Russell & Co. | New York | |
| Jochim Christian | 7 c | Ricklefs | Ger. bge. | 457 | Nov. 21 | Siemssen & Co. | | |
| Kvik | 4 c | Larsen | Norw. bge. | 417 | Nov. 8 | Siemssen & Co. | | |
| Magellan | 3 k | Sternberg | Ger. bge. | 435 | Oct. 30 | Vogel & Co. | Hamburg | |
| Marco Polo | 5 k | Brockwoldt | Ger. bge. | 358 | Nov. 21 | Carlowitz & Co. | Hamburg | |
| Margrethe | 4 c | Thiesen | Ger. bge. | 357 | Nov. 25 | Wieler & Co. | | |
| Moses B. Tower | 3 c | Hall | Amer. bkline. | 637 | Nov. 8 | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | | |
| Palma | 8 c | Bhage | Ger. bge. | 299 | Nov. 12 | Vogel & Co. | Hamburg | |
| Pampero | 8 c | McKenzie | Brit. bge. | 588 | Nov. 17 | Arnhold, Karberg & Co. | | |
| Pelilo | 3 c | Seekamp | Ger. bge. | 433 | Nov. 27 | Siemssen & Co. | | |
| Pher Brahe | 8 c | Jocksson | Russ. bge. | 585 | Nov. 30 | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | | |
| Primus | 7 c | Bergman | Russ. sh. | 1166 | Nov. 28 | Order | | |
| Queen of India | 4 c | Cary | Brit. bge. | 390 | Oct. 31 | Vogel & Co. | London | |
| Rapid | 2 h | Steinburg | Slam. bge. | 429 | Nov. 2 | Chinese | | |
| Saint D. Carleton | 7 c | Freeman | Amer. bge. | 884 | Nov. 26 | Arnhold, Karberg & Co. | | |
| Southern Cross | 7 h | Gibbs | Amer. sh. | 1129 | Oct. 15 | Captain | | |
| Spartan | 3 k | Vincent | Amer. sch. | 81 | Aug. 27 | W. H. Ray | | |
| Sunstra | 3 k | Clough | Amer. sh. | 1090 | Sept. 8 | Russell & Co. | | |
| Thoon Kramon | 2 k | Vorrath | Slam. bge. | 460 | Nov. 26 | Siemssen & Co. | | |
| Thres Brothers | 2 h | Khalcke | Brit. bge. | 367 | Nov. 14 | E-Tye Hong | | |
| Undine | 8 c | Kruse | Ger. bge. | 968 | Nov. 80 | Melchers & Co. | | |
| Vesta | 3 k | Ruige | Dutch bge. | 417 | Nov. 15 | Siemssen & Co. | | |
| Winlow | 4 k | Barker | Brit. bge. | 456 | Nov. 28 | Captain | | |
| Yorktown | 3 c | Murphy | Amer. sh. | 1956 | Nov. 27 | Order | | |
| Zephyr | 2 c | Cornford | Brit. bge. | 395 | Nov. 14 | Abdoolally Ebrahim & Co. | Singapore & Bombay | |
| WHEAMPOA | | | | | | | | |
| Augusto Reimers | | Thomsen | Ger. sch. | 207 | Nov. 28 | Chinese | | |
| Ebenezer | | Milne | Brit. bkline. | 317 | Nov. 11 | Melchers & Co. | London | |
| Endymion | | Richardson | Brit. sh. | 759 | Nov. 22 | Russell & Co. | New York | |
| Hongkong | | Oom | Ger. Sm. sc. | 219 | Nov. 26 | Arnhold, Karberg & Co. | | |
| Jessie McDonald | | Stott | Brit. bkline. | 275 | Nov. 6 | Arnhold, Karberg & Co. | London | |
| Malvina | | Kluge | Ger. bge. | 480 | Nov. 12 | Wieler & Co. | New York | |
| Oberon | | Schmidt | Ger. bge. | 379 | Nov. 27 | Russell & Co. | New York | |
| CANTON | | | | | | | | |
| China | | Ackermann | Ger. str. | 648 | Nov. 30 | Siemssen & Co. | Shanghai | |